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The following correspondence relating to this application is enclosed:

1. Amendment in Reply to Action of July 30, 2003 (13 pages);
2. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page);
3. Declaration of Michael A. Apicella (5 pages);
4. Transmittal of Formal Drawings (9 pages of black and white drawings and 3 sets of 9 pages of color drawings);
5. Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 (2 Articles cited);
6. Check in the amount of \$655.00 (\$180.00 for the Information Disclosure Statement fee and \$475.00 for the Extension fee); and
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Please substitute the enclosed nine (9) sheets of formal black and white drawings and nine (9) sheets of formal color drawings for the corresponding drawings presently in the application.

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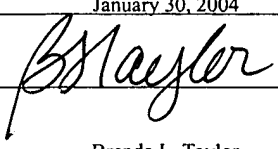

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